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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket 10-4, *Ex Parte* Communications

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The tentative agenda for the Commission's April 7, 2011, Open Meeting includes several items in the above-referenced docket related to the use of signal boosters in the wireless services. APCO is pleased by reports that the Commission is likely to issue a declaratory ruling that such boosters can only be deployed with authorization and that there will be a notice of proposed rulemaking to address rules governing signal booster use and design. However, we are very concerned with reports that the Commission will also grant interim authorization to currently deployed boosters that meet certain unspecified conditions.

Signal boosters intended to expand coverage of cellular services can, under appropriate circumstances and with authorization of the cellular carrier, be extremely helpful in providing important communications to locations with little or no signal coverage. However, the docket in this proceeding also includes evidence that boosters can create dangerous interference to other cellular users (including those who may be trying to dial 9-1-1) and to public safety land mobile operations in adjacent portions of the 800 MHz frequency band.

Therefore, APCO believes that it would be inappropriate to grant interim authorizations to currently deployed cellular signal boosters. The Commission should first complete a rulemaking proceeding to determine the proper technical rules, operational guidelines, and regulatory authorizations necessary to prevent dangerous interference to public safety and other services.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

William D. Carrow, President